



1-285th Attack/Reconnaissance Battalion

Battalion Commander

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Unit Overview

- Assigned Personnel Strength
 - 1-285th ARB –100%
 - Det 1 B Co 640th –112%
- Fulltime Support Strength
 - Unit Level - **27/27**
 - Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF#2) – **145/167**
- AH-64D Aircraft (BLK I/BLK II)
 - BLK I: 10
 - BLK II: 10
 - Authorization for ARB is 24 Block II

Unit Overview

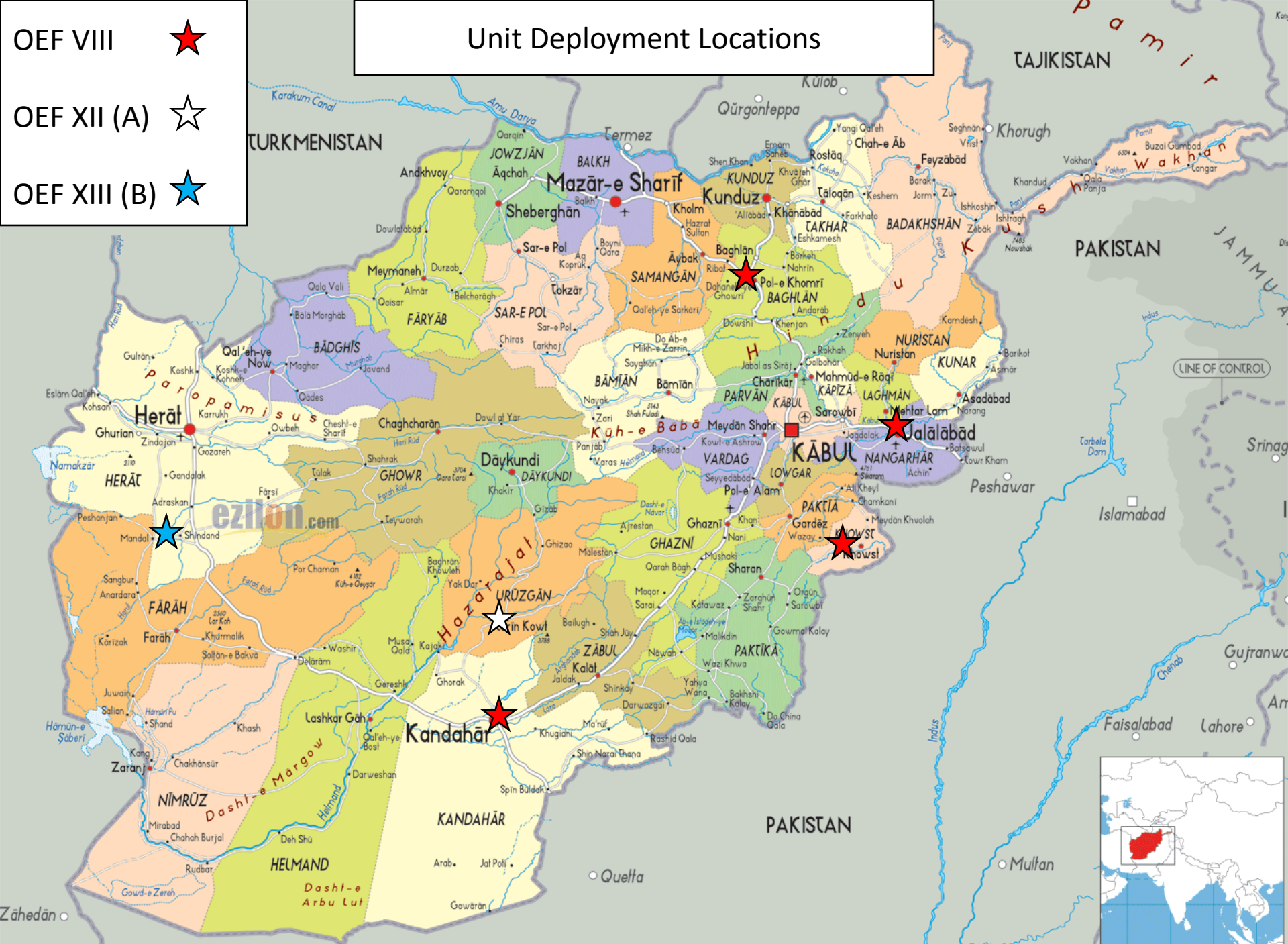
- Flying Hours
 - OEF VIII (BN; JAN 07-JAN 08):
 - 16,500 hrs
 - OEF XII/XIII (A Co; JUL 12-MAR13):
 - 7,400 hrs
 - OEF XII/XIII (B Co; DEC 12-AUG13):
 - 3,710 hrs
 - CONUS (FY 2014 and 2015):
 - 3080 hrs (FY14) and 2980 (FY15 to date-75% executed)

1-285th ARB History

- ❖ 1971, lineage of the 1-285th ARB begins with the formation of the 997th Assault Helicopter Company at Papago Army Airfield. Designated Delta Platoon and assigned the UH-1C Huey gunship.
- ❖ **30 September 1978**, organized and federally recognized in the AZARNG at Phoenix as Detachment 1, Company D, 149th Aviation Battalion, an element of the 49th Armored Division. **1 May 1982**, designated as Company D, 149th Aviation BN. Relocated to Marana, AZ, 14 April 1986 and transitioned to the AH-1S Cobra.
- ❖ October 1986, **released** from 49th Armored Division. Re-designated as the 551st Aviation BN.
- ❖ October 1987, reorganized and re-designated as the 285th Aviation; a parent regiment under the United States Army Regimental System, to consist of the 1st Battalion. Assigned the AH-64A Apache in 1991.
- ❖ October 2005, re-designated 1 October 2005 as the 1-285th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion. 1 May 2006, mobilized to conduct the AH-64D Unit Fielding Training Plan and deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom VIII.
- ❖ April 2012 and August 2013, deployed A Company and B Company in support of Operation Enduring Freedom XII and XIII.



Unit Deployment Locations



Road-to-War (OEF VIII, 2007)

1-285th ARB OEF VII/VIII Deployment:
-1st ARNG AH-64D BN to Deploy
-Task Force Desert Hawk (82nd CAB)
-Only ARB in Afghanistan AOR during
OEF VIII

JAN 07-FEB 08: OEF VIII
(RC-SOUTH & RC-EAST)

NOV 06-JAN 07: GREEN TRNG

NOV 06: ATX w/82nd CAB
UFTP Graduation

OCT 06: TBL VII/VIII GUNNERY (Ft. Hood)

SEP 06: UFTP EXEVAL
(21st CAV / 1st Army,
Brownwood, TX)

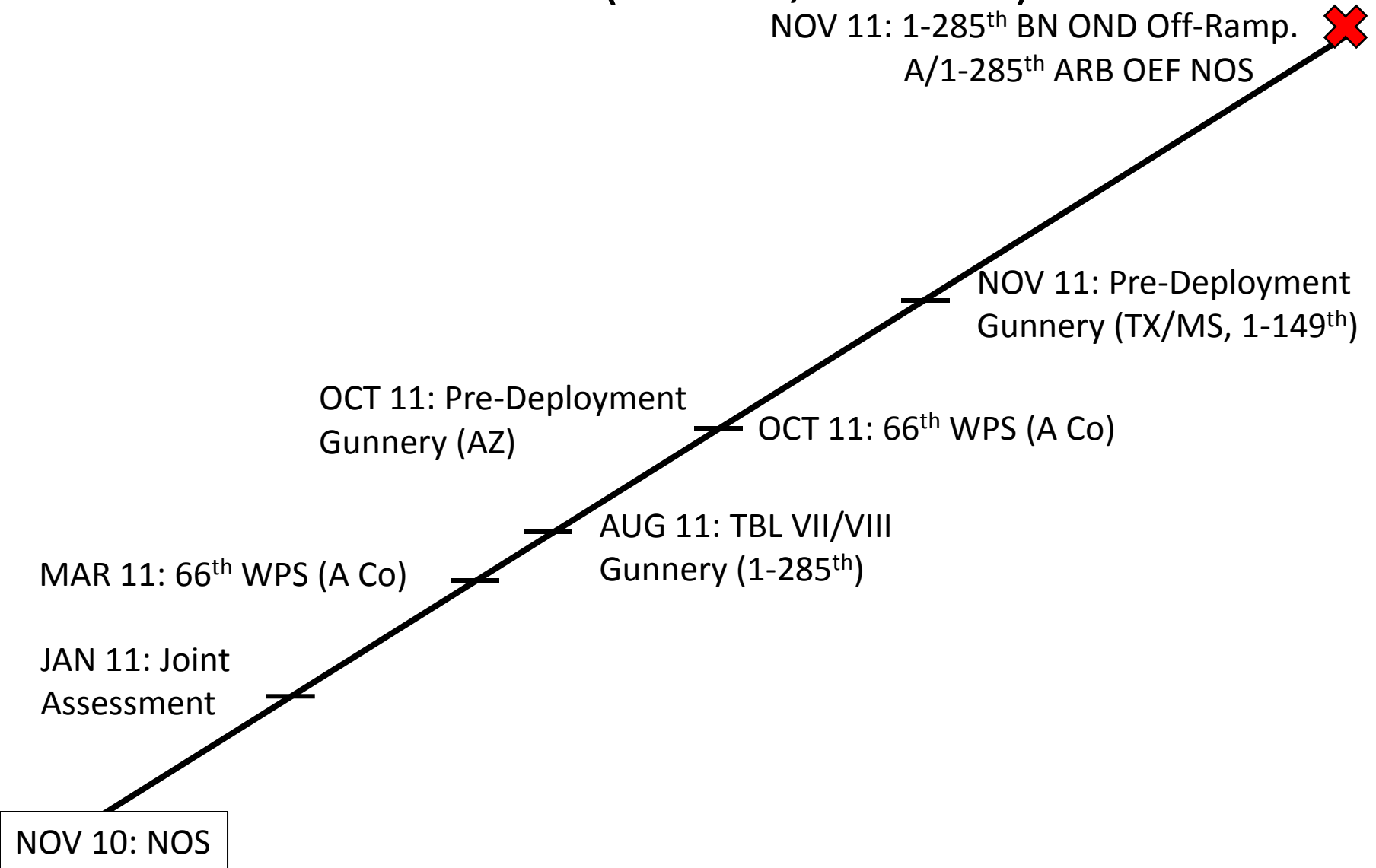
JUN 06: ARMS during UFTP

MAY 06: T10 MOB DATE
UFTP Starts

FEB 05: NOS



Road-to-War (OND, 2011)



Road-to-War (A CO OEF, 2012)

A/1-285th ARB OEF XII/XIII Deployment:

- Stand-alone company deployed to supplement RC-SOUTH (25th & 3rd CAB).
- 1st ARNG AH-64D unit to deploy a stand-alone company.
- 5 month NOS to Mobilization

JUL 12-MAR 13: OEF XII/XIII
(RC-SOUTH)

JUN 12: DEPLOY

MAY 12: T10 MOB DATE,
Deploy to Ft. Hood,
Environmental Training (AZ)

APR 12: Pre-Deployment
Gunnery/Home Station
Pre-mobilization Training

JAN 12: Joint
Assessment

DEC 11: ARMS (BN)

NOV 11: NOS



Road-to-War (B CO OEF, 2012)

B/1-285th ARB OEF XII/XIII Deployment:

- Single company deployed to supplement 1-104th ARB (PA ARNG)(3rd CAB).
- 5 month NOS to Mobilization

DEC 12-AUG 13: OEF XII/XIII
(RC-WEST)

NOV 12: EXEVAL
(Brownwood & Brady,
TX)

OCT 12: CCA
Lanes

SEP 12: HAMETS (Ft. Carson)

AUG 12: T10 MOB DATE, Deploy to Ft. Hood
UFTP w/ 1-104th ARB (PA ARNG)

JUL 12: Pre-Deployment
Gunnery/Home Station
Pre-mobilization Training

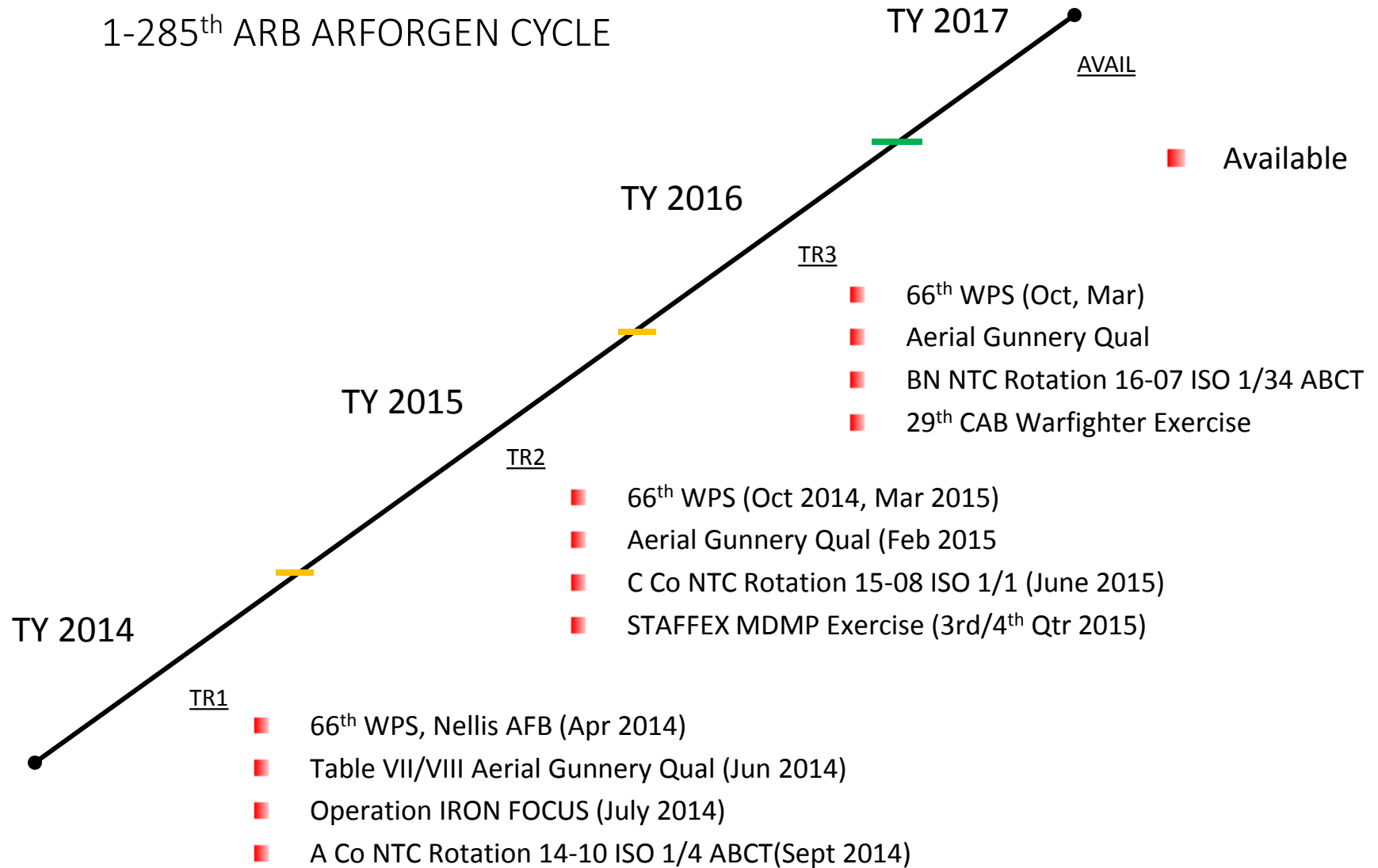
APR 12: NOS

MAR 12: 66th WPS (B Co)

MAR 12: Proof-of-Principle



1-285th ARB ARFORGEN CYCLE





Deployment Mission Sets

OEF VII/XII/XIII

- US and International Special Operations Direct Support
- Deliberate Operations
- MEDEVAC Escort
- Lift Escort
- LZ Security
- Quick Reaction Force
- Retrograde Security
- Show of Force
- Route Reconnaissance
- Convoy Security



CONUS Mission Sets

Home Station Training

- **66th Weapons Squadron (USAF Weapons School):**
 - Deliberate Operations
 - SOF Support
- **JTAC (17 ASOS, 20 STS, Dutch JTAC):**
 - SOF Support
 - Deliberate Operations
- **MUMT (2-13 AVN):**
 - LZ Security
 - Route Reconnaissance
 - Convoy Security
 - Quick Reaction Force
- **Operation Iron Focus:**
 - Quick Reaction Force
 - Lift Escort
- **E Co 160th SOAR**
 - MUMT
- **Operation Angel Thunder:**
 - Show of Force
 - LZ Security
 - Deliberate Operations
 - MEDEVAC Escort
- **USMC Weapons & Tactics Instructor (WTI) Course:**
 - Deliberate Operations
 - Lift Escort
- **Testing and Evaluation (Army Approved):**
 - YPG
 - Raytheon
- **354th Fighter Squadron (A-10)**
 - Joint CAS/CCA
 - Deliberate Operations
- **Peace Vanguard**
- **Annual Gunnery Qualification**

*** All training/support completed within annual flying hour program.**

Conclusion

- With currently allocated resources, training areas and partners, the battalion is able to maintain *proficiency* in our wartime tasks/mission sets and meet active duty standards.
- In addition to the annual gunnery qualification, the battalion conducts at least one aerial live-fire training event per quarter.